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Eastfield Student Earns Foundation Award



The Dallas County Community College District Foundation recently announced that Eastfield student Dylan Lewis is the recipient of

the 2007 Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Scholarship.

Adversity was Dylan's constant companion, but he says a year in jail helped him reconsider his path and turn his life around. The Eastfield College student's struggles and, most importantly, successes will be recognized when he receives the award during a special program on Thurs., June 14, at a local Dallas restaurant.

The scholarship will help Lewis, a resident of Mesquite, reach for his dreams with financial support provided by the Erin Tierney Kramp Encouragement Scholarship Award, which covers full tuition and books for up to four semesters. Lewis, who is pursuing studies in business administration, plans eventually to become a financial advisor so that he can help others plan for their futures. He currently has earned a 4.0 GPA.

Lewis says, "Adversity, overall, has not harmed me; it is the major building block of who I have become. Perseverance nurtured me to happiness...and I believe I can serve as a positive example for children who have grown up living in fear and who have suffered the betrayal of abuse. I have learned through my life experiences, and I believe I am a strong man because of them."

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Faculty & Staff Notes

Let's give a warm welcome to our newest Harvester:

Terry Wooten – Rising Star

Don Baynam, Dean of Business and Fine Arts Division, was recently elected Chairman of the Board of the Dallas Historical Society. The Dallas Historical Society was organized in 1922 by a group of Dallas citizens led by George Bannerman Dealey, publisher of the Dallas Morning News. In 1938, the Society assumed the management of the magnificent Hall of State at the request of the City of Dallas, and is headquartered there to this day. The purpose of the Dallas Historical Society is to institute and encourage historical inquiry; to collect, preserve, and exhibit the material of history; and to spread historical information, especially concerning the city and county of Dallas and North Texas.

Eastfield College hosted the Garland Mayoral Runoff Candidate Forum on May 31 at the Garland City Council Chambers. President **Dr. Carol Brown** moderated the live broadcast forum on the City's government access cable channel for candidates running Garland Mayor in the June 16 Runoff Election. The forum will be rebroadcast several times daily between now and election day. Eastfield's **Marketing and Communications Office** and the City of Garland's Public Information Office coordinated the event.

Jamie Coley, Eastfield Academic Advisor, was among the 2007 Leadership Mesquite Class 13 graduates recognized at the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce's May Membership Luncheon on May 17. Keynote presentation was made by Chancellor Dr. Wright Lassiter as he shared leadership qualities to over 200 Mesquite area business leaders. Joining Jamie in the celebration were **Dr. Carol Brown**, President; **Zena Jackson**, Interim VPI; **Shirley Kaczka**, Associate Dean of Organizational and Staff Development; and **Sharon Cook**, Director of Marketing and Communications.

Eastfield joined several hundred Garland ISD community partners at the annual BEST Partners in Education (PIE) annual luncheon on June 6. Representing Eastfield were **Zena Jackson**, Interim VPI; **Sharon Wagoner**, Dual Credit Program Coordinator; and **Sharon Cook**, Director of Marketing and Communications. Eastfield staff have been partners since the program's inception through the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

Several Eastfield art faculty will present exhibits locally and around the state this summer. **James Watral's** "5X7" is part of an art sale and exhibition benefiting Arthouse exhibitions and educational programs. Hundreds of recognized contemporary artists with strong Texas ties create unique works of art on identical 5" x 7" boards.

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Eastfield Hosts Piano Festival

Eastfield will host the Eastfield Metroplex East Piano Festival June 18 – 23. Pierrette Mouledous, Director of the Piano Department, has assembled an impressive faculty of educators with specialty in piano performance to teach the week-long camps. Instructors will focus on elements of stylistic interpretation and technique from classical, jazz and liturgical piano repertoire for students age 7 and up; tuition starts at \$75 (audition on June 14 – 15 is required for intermediate and advanced workshops).

A highlight of the festival is the guest performance of Konstantyn Travinskyy. Born in Ukraine in 1981, Travinskyy began exhibiting his exceptional musicality at the age of 5. By age 8, Travinskyy participated in his first competition in Kiev and won 3rd prize.

After residing in Kiev for the next 13 years and graduating from the Special Music School, Travinskyy was accepted to the Ukrainian National Academy of Music. While pursuing his master's degree in Piano Performance, Travinskyy received an invitation to continue his career under the tutelage of Van Cliburn Gold Medalist (1973) and Artist In-Residence at UNT, Vladimir Viardo.

Another special guest is Jean Mainous, a former member of the piano faculty at UNT. Mainous was also a faculty member of the Summer Music Institute in Taiwan where she taught, performed and gave Master Classes. She is a graduate of Julliard Graduate School, Yale University and Louisiana State University.

Admission to the special concerts is included with registration to the festival; general admission tickets are \$20. More information: call 972-860-7113 or email pierretteMouledous@dcccd.edu. Complete details can be found at www.eastfieldcollege.com.

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All pieces are displayed anonymously and only when item is purchased the artist is identified. The exhibit runs from May 19 – June 3 at the Arthouse, Jones Center in Austin.

The Bath House Cultural Center in Dallas presented “Funny Stories and Absurdity,” an invitational exhibition of narrative art and texts that explore humor and illogicality by artist **Kathy Windrow** through May 26.

John Oliver Lewis presents “Introduction-North” at the Meadows Gallery, Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, June 15 – July 19. The exhibit features artwork by selected artists from 14 Dallas galleries. Lewis’ work will also be featured in Amarillo Biennial 600: Clay at the Amarillo Museum of Art, Amarillo. The exhibit is artwork selected by Marilyn A. Zeitlin from the works submitted by artists living within a 600 mile radius of Amarillo. The focus of her curatorial work involves the relationship of art to social issues and the interface between art and science.

Eastfield Psi Beta Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society for Two Year Colleges, held its Spring Induction Ceremony on May 6. Chapter Advisors **Elaine Cho** and **Larissa Washington** (English faculty members) inducted 27 new members. President Dr. Carol Brown was the keynote speaker; the ceremony included induction of new officers for next year.

Eastfield College and Career Services, once again, hosted the Spring 2007 Counselors’ Network Conference on May 4. Seventy counselors representing Dallas, Garland, Mesquite, Sunnyvale, Forney and Wylie ISDs participated in the conference. Many counselors in attendance have retired from their respective school districts but continue to attend the conference to maintain LPC certification and for the networking opportunities. Also participating were Eastfield and other DCCCD counselors. The conference topics included: Conflict Resolution; Achieve Texas; Focus on Programs and Partnerships at Eastfield College; and Relieve Your Stress and Be

More Productive. The next conference will be held in the fall.

Eastfield celebrated student accomplishments and awards this past year with two separate events. The Student Recognition Ceremony on April 27 recognized the achievements, scholarships, and awards of over 100 individual students. The Club Banquet on May 4 recognized the contributions and activities of outstanding student organizations this past year. Eastfield had over 40 active student organizations this year. Several clubs, members and advisors received state and national honors and awards. The annual events are coordinated by the Student Programs and Resources staff.

The National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development (NISOD) 29th annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence was held May 20 – 23 in Austin. The conference included breakout sessions and roundtable discussions on teaching and learning, leadership development, career development and teamship development. Eastfield President **Dr. Carol Brown** joined Eastfield honorees, **Dr. Elizabeth Huston** and **Dr. Christina Fox-Balli**, 2007 and 2006 Excellence in Teacher Award winners, at the annual Excellence Awards Luncheon.

Eastfield Child Development staff **Dr. Susan Wyatt**, **Karan Marshall** and **Nancy Beaver** attended the summer retreat of the Child Development Educator’s Association of TCCTA at Austin Community College May 31 – June 1. The group reviewed potential Perkins Grant opportunities submitted for the association by San Jacinto Community College. Through CD faculty from 22 colleges, they will work together to align courses with the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s (NAEYC) Child Development Associate Degree Accreditation Standards and the Texas Early Childhood Career Development System as well as addressing Closing the Gaps. Marshall serves as president-elect and Beaver serves as secretary for the CDEA.

More on Kramp winner...

The scholarship recipient's courage and perseverance in the face of adversity are traits exhibited by the person for whom the award is named. Erin Tierney Kramp, who fought breast cancer from 1994 to 1998, created a videotaped legacy on "life lessons" for her young daughter that would convey Erin's views and advice to Peyton as the young girl grew up, following her mother's death. Erin touched many lives and inspired countless strangers when she co-authored *Living with the End in Mind* (with her husband and a family friend) and through appearances on programs like *20/20* and the *Oprah Winfrey Show*. Her legacy lives on through the Kramp Foundation, the DCCCD scholarship program and the lives of all recipients.

"The Erin Tierney Kramp program awards scholarships to students based on their courage and perseverance in the face of adversity," said Michael Brown, president of the Erin Tierney Kramp Foundation. "We see these qualities in Dylan, who bravely survived his own challenges and who plans to help others by going to college and preparing for a career that will serve others. His story exemplifies what our past recipients have demonstrated repeatedly through Erin's legacy. When individuals face adversity, the struggles that they endure will either make them stronger or defeat them. Winning that battle requires courage and perseverance. Obviously, Dylan has proven he has both traits, and he truly deserves this honor."

Lewis might have mistaken his father's abuse as tough love when he was a child; the youngster often was battered when his dad had been drinking. And although his grades were good in school, his poor conduct reflected the abuse he was experiencing at home.

When the young boy's conduct didn't change, Dylan's parents looked for answers. He was diagnosed with ADD and began to take medication that prompted even more unruly behavior. No one, including his mother, could understand why he was always in trouble at school. Over the years, his problems worsened: illegal drugs – first alcohol and marijuana, then cocaine – became part of his life; he was kicked out of high school; and robbery (to support his habit) landed him in jail.

Lewis, who plans to attend SMU after he finishes his associate's degree at

Eastfield, says, "I will be the first person in my family to earn a college degree. I want to earn a position that allows me to help people with their finances and future goals. I also plan to have a family and raise my children in a home where love and encouragement prevail over the darkness of fear."

That darkness began as a toddler and continued through Dylan's elementary school years. At age 5, his father's alcoholism meant that the youngster learned early to be quiet and avoid creating problems that meant a blow to the head or a kick while his mother was at work. Dylan, angry and confused, acted out his frustration at school, and his parents took him to a psychiatrist, who diagnosed Attention Deficit Disorder and placed the youngster on medication. "I was a 10-year-old boy who had no concept of the world. I was convinced that I was defective and that I needed medication in order to be 'normal' like other kids," Lewis recalls.

Dylan's medication had a reverse effect, and he became more irritable and anxious, creating yet more problems in school. He tried alcohol and marijuana at age 12; got into more fights; accelerated his drug use in high school; and began to experiment with cocaine during his junior year to try to find happiness that others had. As an addict, he became homeless and stole to support his habit. After experimenting with LSD, Dylan went through a rehabilitation program, enrolled in a new high school, began to fight again and was arrested at school. He eventually earned his GED and entered a cycle of drugs, theft and probation until he spent a year in a Texas state correctional facility.

Lewis says, "This (time in a correctional facility) was the best thing that ever happened to me. I spent one year sober and detained, which gave me the opportunity to evaluate my life. I was 21 at the time and in prison with 40- and 50-year-old men with families who were spending their third and fourth time in (jail). I decided that, if I didn't want to be in the same situation, I need to change myself – so I did. I spent my time dealing with the anger that had seemed to rule my life for many years. I dealt with each situation that presented itself and focused on changing the things about me that would not serve me well in life. I was successfully released in 2004 with a chance to have a new life."

Today, Lewis is involved in many activities at Eastfield and continues to build a new life. Since his 2004 release, he has completed a two-year probation, has held a job for three years (with two

promotions) and began to attend college. He is a full-time student and serves as vice president of leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honorary for two-year colleges. He also is a member of the Communication Club, the Business and Information Systems Club, the Fashion Club, and Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

He also has volunteered in the community with Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, as a member of the SMU committee, team captain for Mesquite Relay for Life and a member of the event's accounting committee.

"I enjoy volunteer work, and I feel the most satisfaction when I feel I have truly helped someone else," says Dylan. "I will continue to surround myself with positive and encouraging people, and I will persevere over all of life's challenges."

Student Notes

The 2006-2007 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in America's Junior Colleges* will include the names of six students from Eastfield College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Eastfield students named in this publication are: Terri Miller, Dallas; Joyce Philip, Rowlett; Jonathan Daniel Price, Mesquite; Gayland Sisk, Dallas; Shannon Snider, Seagoville; and Lynda E. Taylor-Herndon, Garland. The students were chosen based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. The annual directory was first published in 1934.

Twenty DCCCD students traveled abroad to study Spanish in Spain from May 12-31. Eastfield and Mountain View colleges are partnering in this course with instructors Anna Piffardi of EFC and Ulises Rodriguez of MVC. The classes were conducted at Alcalá University in Alcalá, Spain, a 12th century campus. Students and instructors stayed in the university's dormitories. In the future, this program will be open to any faculty in the District that would like to teach our students abroad.

More News...

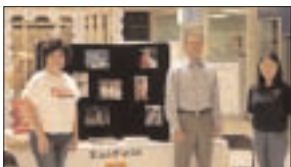


Eastfield alumna **Carrie Sacky**, has been awarded the The Pharmacy Enhancement Award from the Texas Pharmacy Association. An independent pharmacy

owner, and past president of the Texas Pharmacy Association, Jennifer Fix, nominated Sacky for this award and a committee of her peers within the TPA chose to bestow this honor on her. Fix felt the DCCCD commercials and publicity really brought the profession of pharmacy out to the public and could stimulate more student interest in the pharmacy degree.

Sacky, local Mesquite CVS Pharmacist, is currently featured in the DCCCD advertising campaign. Her community efforts included being a part of the national CVS team mobilized to help dispense medication to hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees. Carrie, who holds a B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Houston, started her college education at Eastfield. Sacky credits her community college experience and outstanding faculty giving her the confidence to pursue her career.

For Sacky, it all began here!



Sharon Cook, Jeff Hughes and Elaine Cho

Eastfield's neighborhood promotional campaign for summer

registrations included an all day information booth at Town East Mall in Mesquite on Saturday, May 19.

Staff provided college material to several hundred prospective students. Two new advertising promotions at TE Mall (escalator ads and multi-media kiosks) are underway for summer and fall registration blitz. The college has partnered with two weekend community events in June with the Balch Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Middle Schoolers Use College Technology



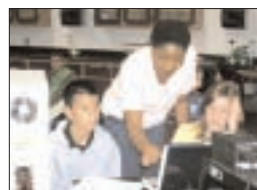
Mesquite seventh graders had an opportunity to learn to use a scanning electron microscope in the first outreach presentation of Eastfield's National Science

Foundation Science Talent Expansion Program (STEP) at Vanston Middle School on May 16. The outreach program marks an important step in an ongoing partnership between the Mesquite Independent School District and the NSF STEP team at Eastfield.

Throughout the school day, Vanston students took turns operating the portable scanning



electron microscope under the supervision of Jill DeVito (NSF STEP Research Coordinator), four Eastfield student volunteers (Funmi Afolayan, Mariano Coleman, Sara Hays and Francisco Serrano), and Vanston science teachers Melanie Albright and Tituba Adams.



The mission of NSF STEP includes broadening access to science fields.

The scanning electron microscope is used in this context to inspire an excitement for science and technology. A highlight of this program is the positive interaction between the seventh graders and the Eastfield volunteers, who become ambassadors for science and higher education by serving as role models for the students.

Continuing Education Update

Summer classes:

- Children's reading, math, writing, piano, guitar
- American Red Cross Learn to Swim and personal water safety classes
- Piano Festival week of 6/18
- ESL
- American Sign Language
- GED
- Spanish
- Criminal Justice
- Computers in Spanish and English
- Quickbooks
- Medical Administrative Assistant: Billing, Coding, and Office Customer Service
- Human Resource Management
- Small Business Management
- Grant Writing
- Heavy Equipment
- OSHA Safety
- Auto Body and Advanced Repair Drafting
- Electrical and Construction Trades
- Electronics
- Telecommunications
- HVAC
- Digital Imaging
- Welding
- Water Hydrobics
- Adult Piano and Guitar
- Art
- Belly dancing
- Emeritus (senior citizen) classes
- and more!

Upcoming Events

Eastfield College Collegiate Classical Guitar Competition & Festival: June 8 – 10

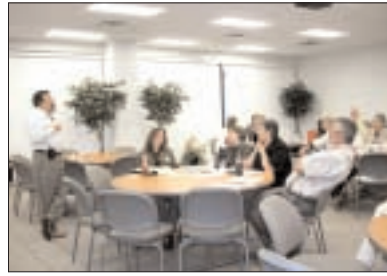
Local and international musicians will delight audiences during the Eastfield College Collegiate Classical Guitar Competition & Festival to be held June 8–10. Festival activities kick off on June 8 with the Collegiate Guitar Competition.

The festival also includes workshops for children and adults such as acoustic guitar accompaniment styles and electric bass. Cost for workshops range from \$50 to \$125 and are offered through Eastfield's Continuing Education Office.

Organizational & Staff Development Update

Eastfield College welcomed Denys Blell, Vice Chancellor, Human & Organizational Development on May 30 as he presented a seminar on "Beyond Multi-Culturalism."

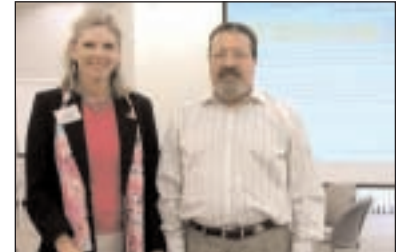
The 30 participants focused on the challenge of building authentic and emotionally intelligent communities in a diverse and multi-cultural organization. The presentation explored three paradigms, Segregation, Separation and Integration, for understanding past, present and future organizational dynamics and options.



Denys Blell (left) addresses the seminar attendees in S100.

Shirley Kaczka, Eastfield's Associate Dean of Organization and Staff Development, coordinated the event with plans for future seminars in June, July and September with varied new topics.

Contact Shirley Kaczka at ext. 7628 for more information on any Organizational & Staff Development event.



Shirley Kaczka, Eastfield's Associate Dean of Organization and Staff Development, with Denys Blell, Vice Chancellor, Human & Organizational Development

Students Selected For University Research Project



STARS participants Stefanie Boyd, Jeanette Cervantes and Scott Stephan

The National Science Foundation Science Talent Expansion Program (STEP) at Eastfield College and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (UTSW) have selected four Eastfield students to participate in the STARS (Science Teacher Access to Resources at Southwestern) summer research program. The program pairs top science and mathematics students with faculty research scientists to conduct eight week research projects using major scientific instrumentation. A \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation to Eastfield is funding the \$3,000 stipends and college credit.

Eastfield College and UTSW program officials selected the students to participate in the summer research program based on an evaluation of essays, faculty recommendation letters, academic records, and personal statements and interviews. The following students comprise the Summer 2007 Eastfield-UTSW STARS cohort:

Jeanette Cervantes of Dallas will be working in the laboratory of Dr. Paul Blount in the department of physiology. The research in the Blount lab deals with the function of a group of physiological sensors that respond to mechanical force. These mechanosensitive receptors are important for such diverse processes as maintaining blood pressure to responding to touch on the skin surface.

Crandall resident Stefanie Boyd will be working with Dr. Jeffrey L. Elliot in the department of neurology to study how mutations in different genes can lead to complications in the neuromuscular disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Scott Stephan, a resident of Mesquite, will be working with Dr. Laurie Davis on a project to look at the functioning and pathology of T-cells in the immune system, especially as it relates to rheumatoid arthritis and lupus, two debilitating diseases where promising research is needed.



Joshua Lord

Joshua Lord of Rockwall will be working in the cell biology department with Dr. Beatriz Fontoura. The projects in the Fontoura lab focus

on the fundamental mechanisms of transport of molecules into and out of the nucleus. Movement of proteins or RNA through nuclear pore complexes is an absolute requirement for the normal functioning of a cell and has been shown to be disrupted during viral infection.

For more information contact Daymi Pardo at 972-860-7379.